## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1754

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**PATENT** 

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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 3 months to respond to the Office				
Action dated April 3, 2003.					
2.	Applicant is	a small entity; 🛛	other than a small entity.		
3.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):				
	Total Months	Fee For Other	Fee for		
	Requested.	Than Small Entity	Small Entity		
	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00		
	two months	\$420.00	\$210.00		
	three months	\$950.00	\$475.00		
	four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00		
	five months*	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00		
*Canno	Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.				
	A check in the amount of \$\\$ is enclosed.				
$\boxtimes$	Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee of \$540.00. An extension for a 2				
	month extension has already been secured and the fee paid on September 3 2003; therefore,				
	\$410.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. An				
	extension fee of \$540.00 is now due with this request and the Commissioner is authorized to				
	charge any additional fee, or credit any refund, to our deposit account No. 16-0605				
$\boxtimes$	Charge Deposit Accour	nt No. 16-0605 for any f	ee deficiency.		

Respectfully submitted,

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